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## Guide to the Frances Alva Aitken Collection, 1908-1970

### Title

Frances Alva Aitken Collection

### Dates

1908-1970 (inclusive)

1908-1935 (bulk)

### Creator

Aitken, Frances Alva, 1889-1970.

### Summary

The Frances Alva Aitken Collection consists of memorabilia related to Oregon Agricultural College and various personal items of OAC alumna Frances Alva Aitken.

### Quantity

0.15 cubic ft.

The Aitken Collection is housed in one document box.

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## Biographical Note

Frances Alva Aitken, granddaughter of early Oregon pioneers, was born in Portland, Oregon September 29, 1889. She enrolled at Oregon Agricultural College in 1908 and graduated with the class of 1910 with a B.S. in Domestic Science and Art. Aitken taught home economics in schools in Marion and Polk counties. She left teaching to work with the Army Corps of Engineers, retiring in 1961. Frances Alva Aitken died in 1970.

## Arrangement

The papers consist of two series: I. OAC Materials; II. Personal.

## Content Description

The Frances Alva Aitken Collection consists of memorabilia from Oregon Agricultural College during the years 1908-1910; included are receipts, class grades, dance cards, alumni directories, commencement programs, and various items relating to the Silver Jubilee reunion in 1935. Also included in the collection are Aitken's teaching contract for the year 1912, newspaper clippings, and a typed copy of her memorial eulogy.

## Preferred Citation

Frances Alva Aitken Collection, Oregon State University Archives, Corvallis, Oregon.

## Related Material

Other materials relating to Oregon Agricultural College (OAC) during this time period can be found in the Memorabilia Collection and other alumni collections.

## Subjects

This collection is indexed under the following headings in the OSU Libraries Catalog. Researchers desiring materials about related topics, persons, or places should search the catalog (<http://oasis.oregonstate.edu/>) using these headings.

## Individuals

Aitken, Frances Alva, 1889-1970.

## Organizations

Oregon Agricultural College--Students.  
Oregon Agricultural College. Class of 1910.

## Topics

Student activities--Oregon--Corvallis.

## Geographical Names

Corvallis (Or.)

## Forms of Materials in the Collection

Dance cards.  
Ephemera.